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SUBJECT: HANNA CASE

REF: A. ADDIS 7352; B. LONDON 9547

1. IN MY MEETING WITH FONMIN KIFLE WODAJO AFTERNOON JUNE 21 I ASKED WHAT TYPE OF CHARGES THE PROSECUTOR WOULD BE BRINGING AGAINST HANNA. I SAID I WAS CONCERNED ON THIS SCORE BECAUSE I SAW REAL POSSIBILITIES FOR A DISRUPTION OF US-ETHIOPIAN RELATIONS, AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY DAVIS HAD TOLD ETHIOPIAN CHARGE' IN WASHINGTON

2. KIFLE SAID HE HAD BEEN UNABLE TO GET PRECISE INFORMATION FROM THE PROSECUTOR AS YET BUT THAT HE "HOPED" NONE OF THE CHARGES WOULD REFLECT ON US-ETHIOPIAN RELATIONS. (COMMENT. THIS WAS CLEARLY A REFERENCE TO THE POSSIBILITY OF ESPIONAGE CHARGES.) WHEN I ASKED SPECIFICALLY WHETHER ESPIONAGE CHARGES WOULD BE INVOLVED AND INDICATED THAT THIS WAS OUR PRINCIPAL CONCERN, KIFLE SAID HE HAD NO PRECISE INFORMATION, ALTHOUGH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD URGED THAT NO CHARGES BE BROUGHT WHICH COULD IMPINGE ON US-ETHIOPIAN RELATIONS.

3. I THEN TOLD KIFLE THAT IN VIEW OF HIS COMMENTS I KNEW WHAT WASHINGTON WOULD WISH ME TO SAY. TO EMPHASIZE THE SERIOUSNESS OF MY STATEMENTS I THEN TOOK FROM MY POCKET A PIECE OF PAPER AND READ A STATEMENT THE ESSENTIALS OF WHICH HAD BEEN CONVEYED TO THE DEPARTMENT IN PARA 5 OF REFTEL A. AMERICAN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR

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HAMID TOOK NOTES ON THIS, AS WELL AS ON OUR ENTIRE CONVERSATION.

4. KIFLE RESPONDED THAT HE APPRECIATED MY STRONG FEELINGS ON THIS SUBJECT. HOWEVER HE HOPED I WOULD UNDERSTAND THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD "NO INFLUENCE" ON THE DETERMINATION OF WHAT CHARGES WOULD BE BROUGHT AGAINST HANN. THE MINISTRY "HOPED", HOWEVER, THAT THE CHARGES WOULD NOT REFLECT ON U-ETHIOPIAN RELATIONS.

5. KIFLE SEEMED LESS CONFIDENT THAN IN HIS RECENT CONVERSATION WITH CHARGE' WYMAN THAT ESPIONAGE CHARGES WOULD NOT BE BROUGHT. THE STRONG STATEMENT I DELIVERED MAY HAVE SOME EFFECT, HOWEVER, IN INFLUENCING THE DIRG'S DECISION ON THIS POINT. THE STATEMENT DID NOT INCLUDE THE MODIFICATION REQUESTED IN STATE 146703, AS THAT TELEGRAM ARRIVED AFTER MEETING HAD TAKEN PLACE.

6. WE WILL BE GIVING THOUGHT TO WHAT ACTION USG SHOULD TAKE IN RESPONSE IF ESPIONAGE CHARGES AGAINST HANNA ARE NOW BROUGHT IN SPITE OF THIS WARNING.

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